[3rd November 1931

Expenditure on the Minor Irrigation Works in the Nellore district.

* 548 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how much money has been spent on minor irrigation works in Nellore district during the past three years and what amount has been allotted for the current year;

(*b*) what amount has been spent on major irrigation works excluding Nellore river canal system and Kanigiri reservoir system during the last five years; and

(*c*) whether the Government have approved of the scheme to improve the Gundemadakala tank; if so, what the estimated amount is?

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A.—(*a*)	1928–29	... ...	67,629
	1929–30	... ...	60,846
	1930–31	... ...	40,920
	1931–32 (allotment)	... ...	46,000
(*b*)	1926–27	... ...	65,821
	1927–28	... ...	60,902
	1928–29	... ...	76,499
	1929–30	... ...	73,336
	1930–31	... ...	54,789

(*c*) No. A report from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) is awaited.

Diversion of the Upper Kottai Konar into the Big Amani tank.

* 549 *Q.*—Mr. Yakub Hasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the pattadars of the wet lands under the Big Amani tank, Koratti village, Tiruppattur taluk, North Arcot district, had been memorializing the Government for a long time to divert the Upper Kottai Konar into their tank and to rectify the defect in the sluices;

(*b*) whether there has been a continual failure of crops under the ayacut since 1917 for want of sufficient supply of water; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, have been taken or are proposed to be taken to meet the situation?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have not the information but will call for a report.